

HONORING THE HISPANIC AMERICAN EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE INC. AND THE FATHER GARY GRAF CENTER FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING COMMITMENT TO ASSISTING THE ACHIEVEMENT OF CITIZENSHIP

HON. BRADLEY S. SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2014

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise today to honor two community organizations in the northern Illinois district I represent. Both groups assist with one of the most basic and most important functions of our democracy—the naturalization and integration of new citizens.

The Hispanic American Education and Community Service Inc. (HACES) and the Father Gary Graf Center—both based in Waukegan—offer educational and support services to help new citizens, recent immigrants and their families fully integrate in their communities, become naturalized citizens and engage with our democracy.

These extraordinary organizations and the dedicated people who make them special provide some of the most valuable and helpful services to immigrant families.

HACES and the Fr. Gary Graf Center work together to deliver a broad spectrum of vital services to immigrant families and to ensure that our communities are engaged, thriving and inclusive.

Witnessing a group of immigrants take the oath as citizens for the United States is an experience unlike any other. The first time I witnessed such a ceremony, I was deeply moved and inspired. In that unique moment, it is important to remember all of the work and all of the support that makes that possible.

Today, I rise to recognize two great organizations that help enable the dreams of millions around the world.

RECOGNIZING MAESTRO PHILLIP GABRIEL GARCIA

HON. BETO O'ROURKE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2014

Mr. O'ROURKE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Maestro Phillip Gabriel Garcia, founder of the El Paso Youth Symphony Orchestra (EPYSO).

As the conductor and head of operations for this organization, Maestro Garcia provides a valuable service to the children of El Paso and its citizens. Through the development of "The Band Against Bullying Tour", the EPYSO built a bridge between music and social justice awareness. EPYSO helped raise consciousness of the negative effects that bullying has on the victims and the community's quality of life with their performances throughout El Paso. By using music as a means to educate the community, Maestro Garcia demonstrates his creative and passionate work ethic to improve his community.

With over 200 concerts performed, EPYSO gives kids the opportunity to see how music can positively reinforce their self-esteem

through personal achievements as musicians and performances to their community. While performing at the Child Crisis Center, the Battered Women Shelter, Ft. Bliss, and La Fe Community Health Center, kids experience the joy that their music brings to the public. More so, EPYSO champions community service, raising money to feed the homeless at the Feeding the Nations Homeless benefit concert and serving food to the homeless for Thanksgiving. EPYSO continues to impact its participants and the rest of the public by remaining viable and relevant to their community.

EPYSO and Maestro Phillip Garcia will continue to profoundly impact the El Paso community by continuing to connect their artistic endeavors with service. I am proud that this organization and Maestro Garcia are using music to contribute to the El Paso community, and I hope their message continues inspire our young citizens' enthusiasm for serving their community.

HONORING HITZEMAN FUNERAL HOME'S 110TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2014

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 110th Anniversary of the Hitzeman Funeral Home, which will be celebrated on June 21, 2014. The Hitzeman Funeral Home was created to serve the residents of Chicago and Western suburbs during difficult times. Todd Hitzeman, a fourth-generation funeral director, now owns the business and continues the practice of his ancestors to meet patrons' needs.

Founded in 1904, the Hitzeman Funeral Home's mission is to serve patrons with compassion and respect. Fifth generation businesses are a rarity today, but the longevity and success of this institution prove that the care the Hitzemans provide is well-appreciated.

One of the major accomplishments of Hitzeman Funeral Home was being recognized by the Illinois State Historical Society as an Illinois Centennial Business. The Hitzeman Funeral Home was also featured in Crain's Chicago Business family business focus for their 100th anniversary. After the centennial, Hitzeman Funeral Home continued to progress by renovating the existing building and expanding with a new wing and additional parking.

Members of the Hitzeman family also serve as active contributors to the community of Brookfield with involvement in churches, schools, and numerous charities.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the great service that the Hitzeman Funeral Home has provided for 110 years. May their selfless dedication to their community serve as example to us all.

HONORING LIGHTHOUSE FIELD

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2014

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lighthouse Field now cele-

brating 100 years of service to the community, set in motion when the Pennsylvania Railroad Company deeded over 15 acres of land to the Lighthouse on June 13, 1914.

The history of Lighthouse Field dates back to June 13, 1910, when Charles Hamilton completed the first round trip airplane flight between two major cities, landing at Lighthouse Field and signaling the beginning of the commercial viability of airplane travel. At one time Lighthouse Field hosted the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus. In 1938, half of the United States Olympic Soccer Team was from Philadelphia with most of those players learning the sport at Lighthouse Field. By 1940 the Lighthouse Boys Club soccer program was the largest single soccer organization in the world and the most famous goal in American soccer history was scored by Walter Bahr, a product of the Lighthouse Boys Club, while playing on the 1950 World Cup team. In 1952, in anticipation of the Manchester United Soccer Club playing an exhibition game at Lighthouse Field, which over 3,000 people attended, Manchester United paid for the installation of concrete bleachers that are still used at Lighthouse Field. Also in the 1940's the Philadelphia Phillies occasionally practiced at Lighthouse Field. In 1984 the Army National Guard began using Lighthouse Field to host training exercises. In 2012 the Lighthouse partnered with Teens 4 Good to open an Urban Farm Program at Lighthouse Field. The Boy Scouts of America have also used Lighthouse Field to host a weekend camping exhibition for 500 scouts complete with camp fires and bow and arrow exhibitions.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating Lighthouse Field for a century of serving as a safe haven for our city's children and for standing as a beacon of excellence and innovation for the evolving needs of our community.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF DAN R. TANNER

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month, to recognize Dan R. Tanner.

From a very young age Dan knew that he was different, years later coming to the realization that he was gay—a significant challenge for him, as he lived in a very conservative part of the United States. Dan was influenced by his experiences as a child to become a teacher, a position where he had a platform to be a positive role model for his students by impacting their educational success and sense of self-worth. But he later left teaching because of the fear of losing his job if the school district administration, parents, or community found out he was gay. The ability to teach children and spark their academic interest is something that Dan misses to this day.

As Dan became more comfortable in his own skin and less fearful of the fallout from bridging his personal and professional lives, he realized he wanted to be involved in his

community and have a positive impact on it. In April 1993 on C-SPAN, Dan watched the brave LGBT community members and supporters who convened on our nation's capital to demand the rights and respect entitled to all Americans. He saw the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) equality logo for the first time and wondered if the HRC would help him find his voice and make a difference in the lives of others.

After moving to Orlando in 1998, Dan became fully engaged in a new LGBT community and continued his search for a volunteer organization where he could learn, make a positive impact, and develop his leadership skills. The opportunity to build an HRC community in central Florida came in 2004, when Dan was given the responsibility of acquiring pledges from HRC supporters and overseeing the local organization and volunteer structure.

Dan believes that who he is today, and what he has accomplished, is due to the many LGBT leaders who came before him. Soon he knows the country will see federal laws change again through protection for LGBT employees and full recognition of marriage equality in all 50 states.

Dan's years of experience in the LGBT community and his volunteer leadership with HRC have enabled him to be his best. Today, Dan is able to be the man he dreamt of being as a young boy in Oklahoma—a great father to Finn, a loving husband to Steven, and a positive contributor to the world. He feels an unrepayable debt and great thanks to those that took the challenge before him and gave him the voice that he has today.

I am happy to honor Dan R. Tanner, during LGBT Pride Month, for his contributions to the LGBT community in Central Florida.

COLONEL PAUL G. HUMPHREYS

HON. FRANK A. LoBIONDO

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2014

Mr. LoBIONDO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Stone Harbor, NJ resident Colonel Paul G. Humphreys of the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization (JIEDDO) who will retire from the United States Army on July 1, 2014, after twenty-eight years of distinguished service. Colonel Humphreys significantly contributed to the global fight against IEDs during his final tour of duty as JIEDDO's Chief of Staff. His efforts improved the safety and security of our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines as they operate in areas plagued by IEDs.

Colonel Humphreys is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, Class of 1986. During his 26-year career as an infantry officer, he has commanded from the platoon to battalion level and served in numerous staff assignments from brigade to Joint headquarters. He completed five combat tours to include Operation Just Cause, Operation Desert Storm, Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom I and III and most recently Operation New Dawn.

Colonel Humphreys has earned numerous awards and decorations including the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal and the Army Achievement Medal, among others.

I am proud to share in the celebration of Colonel Humphreys' military career. I would also like to congratulate his wife, Tammy, and his children, Devon, Brandon, Aubrie and Rhianna—whose love and support has aided and strengthened Colonel Humphreys as he has served our great Nation. I wish him all the best in his retirement.

RECOGNIZING TUCKER JAMESON'S
ESSAY AT THE SOUTHERN
MARYLAND STAND DOWN VET-
ERANS EVENT

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2014

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following essay which was delivered by Mr. Tucker Jameson at the Southern Maryland Veterans Stand Down event on May 16, 2014. Tucker is a freshman at St. Mary's Ryken High School and is a member of the Stars and Stripes club. He lives in Mechanicsville, MD. He wrote:

Stand down. In military terminology, this term is used when commanders wish to halt operational progress. It could be due to mission completion, safety, or the elimination of a threat. In some situations, a stand down is an opportunity to ensure that the unit is in the most complete, efficient, and advantageous position that it can be before it proceeds with its mission. Sometimes the momentum of our operational tempo and our desire to complete the mission blinds us to one of the oldest of tactical blunders—haste. We take this opportunity today to stop and remember the tradition that we hope to carry on, and that tradition lives in our veterans.

A cornerstone of our development at St. Mary's Ryken high school is our service to others. As a part of the Stars, Stripes, and Service club I have had the opportunity and the honor to focus my service on veterans. From assisting with the Veteran's Day parade, visiting Charlotte Hall Veteran's Home, and raising money for the Wounded Warrior Benefit, we have been able to put our words into action in showing our brave servicemen and women how much we care. Recently, we coordinated an item drive for homeless veterans in the D.C. area through Pathways to Housing. The response from our community was incredible and it fills me with pride to hear that our first donations went to a post 9/11 veteran who, along with her 3 children, are no longer living in their car and can look forward to a bright future. Although we are making progress, we still have a long way to go.

Our efforts exemplify how important it is, not only to ensure veterans are appreciated, but that they know they are loved and needed. As our armed forces fight the enemy overseas, we must fight against the intangible enemy of disconnection and emotional disengagement, against unemployment and homelessness. This Veteran's Stand Down is a time to stop and remember that it is our duty and obligation to live the principles our servicemen and women sacrificed so much to preserve.

Nobody who fights for America overseas ought to have to fight just as hard to find a job, to keep a roof over their head, or to access quality health care once he or she returns home. I was pleased Tucker was able to participate in the event and remind us all of

the moral obligation we have to ensure our veterans have the support and resources they need to transition to civilian life after serving our nation so courageously. I thank him and all who participated from throughout Southern Maryland for coming together for the Stand Down event.

CONGRATULATIONS TO WAYZATA
TROJANS GIRLS GOLF STATE
CHAMPIONS

HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2014

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Wayzata Girls Golf Team on their 2014 High School State Championship.

The Trojans put on an incredible display at Bunker Hills Golf Course as they broke the Minnesota state record by 22 strokes and finished 19 strokes ahead of the second place team. Head Coach Mike Schumacher had reason to be impressed with his team's outstanding performance throughout the tournament.

It was the Trojan's dedication and hard work that made the team so difficult to beat. After the first round of the State Tournament, most of the athletes spent an additional two hours putting and chipping to perfect their game for the following day. It is this level of devotion that set the team up for their success.

Individually, senior co-captain Sarah Burnham won the silver medal, placing just one stroke behind the first place score. Two Trojan athletes, Jenna Nelson and Madalyn Mrosak, had their best rounds of the season.

Achieving the State Championship Title is an impressive accomplishment, but even more admirable is the Trojan's ability to excel on both the golf course while maintaining a commitment to schoolwork and time with their family. The Wayzata golf team's parents, teachers, and fellow Wayzata students should be extremely proud of their golf team and their performance this season.

Once again, congratulations to the Wayzata Girls Golf on their 2014 State Championship Title.

SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION
OF JUNE 20, 2014 AS AMERICAN
EAGLE DAY

HON. DAVID P. ROE

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2014

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to support the designation of June 20, 2014 as American Eagle Day and celebrate the recovery and restoration of the bald eagle, the national symbol of the United States. On June 20, 1782, the eagle was designated as the national emblem of the U.S. by the Founding Fathers at the Second Continental Congress.

The bald eagle is the central image of the Great Seal of the United States and is displayed in the official seal of many branches and departments of the Federal Government.

The bald eagle is an inspiring symbol of the spirit of freedom and the democracy of the